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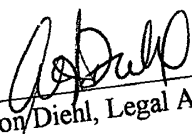
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**RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Box (FEE) Amendment  
Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the **NON-FINAL** Examiner's Action mailed September 11, 2002 (Paper No. 4), having a shortened statutory period for response which expired on December 11, 2002. and is herein petitioned to be extended to February 11, 2003, the above-identified patent application is amended as follows: